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THAT ALLIANCE. The Greatness of America Manifesting

New York, May 25 .- The Sun prints the following significant dispatch STRICTLY FIRST CLASS, from H. R. Chamberlain, its London correspondent:

"The moment is at hand when the American government and American Christendom for at least a generation to come. It is absolutely imperative that the attention of the United States vastly greater issues which involve the future political history of the entire

f these dispatches, in the past felweeles, the Importance of the great claim in the affairs of manifold of which the present war is only a sharing feature. It will seves, perhams, to emonstrate this importance if I mention a single fact, knowledge of which matic circles. It is this:

States would have been confronted on the body of the deceased by Dr. fight combined Europe. I make this exit was between the 5th and 6th rib statement on the authority of two in the chest. The arrest of the only cabinet and its accuracy is beyond of the death-Mrs. Conyers, wife of question. Moreover, it falls far short deceased, and Telesphero, Escuerdo a manifold perils, plots and counterplots which the situation contains.

cated in Mr. Chamberlain's remarkable committed being freely indulged in. speech, which is the most pessimistic and alarming utterance from a member of the British ministry in this generation. His open charge of bad faith | bullet was from the back. The Mexiagainst Russia amounted to a chalstrictly British standpoint when he shot was fired and professed to know advocated abandoning the traditional policy against alliances.

"The whole object and aim of Mr. Chamberlain's speech were to advocate an alliance with the United States, and there is no doubt that he won the heartiest approval of his hearers. such an alliance that the fact is now Britain alone has averted the death was due to accident. ctive interference of continental Eu States and Great Britain would be driven into an alliance which preventnental powers from finding an expres- [Richard Harding Davis, in the London ed unfriendly sentiments of the contision ere this. It is doubtful if even this fear will avail till the end of the

"The shock of surprise caused by Chamberlain's announcement of the radical change in British policy, a change which marks a new epoch in political history, has for the moment silenced public comment both in England and on the continent. When the full significance of his momentous words is realized in Great Britain and Europe, the world will talk of nothing else. The plans of the nations will be revised. Vast schemes of ambition and aggrandizement will be abandoned or modified. The policy of every emperor and every cabinet in Europe will be suspended to await the response which America may make to the British overtures.

"Hence it is no exaggeration to say that the political destinies of the old world as well as the new rest at the present moment in American hands.

"It is premature, perhaps, to discuss to-day the details and nature of the alance which Great Britain dealres to make with the United States. The chief point which it is desired to deermine at this juncture is whether the public sentiment of America will sauction any alliance. If it will, I do not go too far in saying that the terms can be arranged either now or at some one's toes. more suitable moment in the near fu-

"The British cabinet has definitely and unanimously committed itself, in having committed itself to this radito drive a sharp burgain. It is prob-

gentalliance for special purposes of defence and mutual interests.

"The point which Great Britain would probably arge with the greatfirst class naval power.

ence from neutral powers.

Conyers.

[From the Tombstone Prospector.]

Yesterday some suspicious circum-Leon Convers, the authorities decided "Had it not been for the sharp veto upon an investigation and accordingly several days ago, with the difficult Gordon who made examination and ignominiously from the Philippines or that it had entered the back and its prominent members of the Salisbury two persons at the ranch at the time of conveying an adequate idea of the Mexican employed at the ranch, followed, both being brought in to-day, which created considerable excitement, "Some of these dangers were indi- the theory that a murder had been

Dr. Gordon assured a Prospector reporter of indisputable evidence from the examination that the course of the can was interviewed in jail. He stated lenge. He spoke, of course, from a he was out in the corral at the time the nothing of the affair. Mrs. Couyers willingingly answered all questions put by the reporter. She stated she was grinding coffee when the fatal shot was fired and rushed to the room. Conyers lived about 10 minutes, and although she asked how it happened, There is no doubt, also, that it is be- in his anguish and pain did not answer. cause the British government is earn. No one was on the premises to her estly desirous of the consummation of knowledge except the Mexican and he was at the corral. Did not know of any permitted to be known that Great enemies of deceased, and belloves his

The authorities claim suspicious rope in the present campaign between evidence which justify them in belief Spain and America. The most super- murder was committed. Examination ficial observer now understands that it is set for Monday and ball placed at was only the fear that the United \$20,000 for each of the arrested parties.

A Big Cruiser in Action.

While I was on board the New York the big guns were twice brought into service-once at the bombardment of the batteries at Matauzas and again when they were trained on some impudent cavalrymen who had fired on the ship from the shore. Why they did so, unless they had heard that Dutch cavalrymen had once captured a fleet of warships, it is impossible to say. The first of these bombardments was chiefly important because it was the first; the second was of no importance at all.

The quarter of an hour during which the fight lasted at Matauzas was of interest in giving some knowledge of how a warship in action acts upon itself. With land forces the effect of their fire upon the enemy is the only thought; on the sea, in one of these new inventions of warfare, the effect of the batteries on the ship herself is an added consideration. To the civilian the effect was not so tremendous as he had expected. He had been told to stick cotton in his ears, to stand on his toos and keep his month open, a somewhat difficult and ridiculous attitude in which to meet death. As it happened, the call to quarters came so unexpectedly that there was no time to find any cotton, and as it turned out, there was no necessity to stand on

The concussion of the 8-inch guns not like it. shook and lifted one as sharply as though an earthquake had passed beneath, and the reports were trying principle, to an Anglo-American alli- to both the nerves and the ear drums. ance if it can be made upon terms A camera I had placed on the deck of honorable and advantageous to both the superstructure just back of the countries. The British government forward turret was burst open, but has struck the hardest blow in it is her not damaged so badly that it could cal new departure, has no disposition not later photograph the jets of smoke from the same guns. Glass was ably quite willing that the United broken and Venetian blinds in the physician and surgeon at the Minas States should determine the scope of chart room were ripped out of their Prietas mines in Sonora for several the proposed partnership, the general sockets, but that was all the damage desire being to make it as close and in- the ship sustained. To the crew the main permanently, and accompanied bombardment war only gun practice, "There is little doubt that Great and a quarter of an hour after the Pinal county,-(Tueson Star. Britain will be glad to enter a full of-fensive and defensive alliance. On the other hand, if America preferred, she would negotiate a partial or contin-

Why a Cattleman Won't Go to War.

Stockmen who intend shouldering est emphasis upon America would be the old musket in the event of war that she speedily equip herself as a should beware of the friend who stays at home and agrees to brand his year-"The proposition to send a demand lings just the same as he does his own. to Washington to limit the campaign | The Beeville (Texas) Bee interviewed to the West Indies, and to enforce the an old stockman the other day and this people must decide the destinies of demand with the combined fleets, came is the way he puts it: "The fellow to the British government from three that talks most of war is not always powers. I speak on the highest au- the man who goes to the front. When thority when I say that it was rejected the question of secession was agitated should be turned from the daily events by the unanimous voice of the British I was comparatively young and didn't of the Spanish-American war of the cabinet. Moreover, I violate no confidence in saying that the ministry was men of my age usually packed around equally unanimous in favor of grant- with them. There were some very ing the United States the fullest Brit. rantaukerous secessionists among my "I have repeatedly urged the readers ish support in resisting any interfer- acquaintances, and I absorbed a good deal of the war spirit from them

When the time came to enilst they per-A Mystery Regarding the Death of Leon studed me to go. When I mentioned my business interests they said they would brand my calves every year just the same as theirs. I went to the war; they kept their promises. When I got has been confined until now to diplo- stances developing as to the death of back they had branded all my calves just the same as theirs. I couldn't tell which was mine and which was theirs, of the British government, the United a post mortem examination was held so I concluded I didn't have any calves war if you wish, but I've had enough. problem whether to withdraw Dewey reported that the bullet plainly showed 1'll stay at home and brand your calves 'just the same as mine.' "

Copper Property Immensely Profitable. Present owners of copper mines, producing or giving promise of profitable development, can view the war and industrial situation with complacency, says the Mining and Scientific Press. Next to reliable war news nothing is in more active present demand than copper. As with gold and other metals, I think the people of Arizona have this west half of America is of prime importance to the nation in this regard.

A New York broker says: "During the past three years no shares of any kind of enterprise have shown the remarkable and steady increase in values that the copper shares have. During the past year and a half, eight of the leading copper stocks have increased in value over fifty million dollars and they have increased over twenty million dollars during the past six months. The total par value of their capitalization is only \$16,000,000. The Rothschilds and other big capitalists of at our house!" Europe have agents exploring the catire continent for copper properties,

and a large number of Euglish bankers and operators have their American correspondents looking up copper mines or large blocks of stocks in such properties for investment purposes. The wnership of all the American copper mines is in the hands of a very few people, and less than 100 American copper mine owners control the world's market for copper. The demand for the metal is greater than the supply. the total visible stock on hand was never so low as now, and would be exhausted entirely in two or three months if the supply was stopped in any way."

As things are at present, it looks as though the world needed copper more than gold. It is predicted that copper will sell for 13e before January 1, 1899. It is being produced at a total cost of less than one-half that figure.

A Chance for the Medicine Man. [From Harper's Weekly.]

Let us hope that Commodore Dewey will withhold his consent absolutely from the use of his portrait for advertising patent medicines. He hails from Vermont, as we have all recently learned, and Vermont of course is proud of him. But she is sensitive about the use of her great men's pictures by advertisers. The portrait of not liked it. Of course it would be man to print Commodore Dewey's pertrait with the statement, "I took your was much helped by the use of your

considerable figure in this war, If Mail, one man contributed more than any other to bring it on, it was her Senator Proctor, who went to Cuba and made a report. At this writing the man who Commodore Dewey.

Dr. A. C. Wright, who has been the years, has returned to Arizona to reby his wife will locate at Mammoth,

It is said the island of Luzon, of which Manila is the capital, is immensely rich in copper, coal and iron.

"JUST LIKE MINE."

THE APACHES PEACEABLE Lieutenant Rios, Acting Indian Agent, De-nies Idle Rumges.

SAN CARLOS AGENCY, May 15, 1898. EDITORS SILVER BELT: In reply to your letter of the 14th inst., I have to state that there is absolutely no at all. You younger men can go to ground for the absurd rumors recently published in the newspapers regarding an outbreak on the part of these Indians. I think that the Indians on this reservation hav e never been more quiet and contented than they are at the present time, nor less inclined toward unlawful acts.

The statement that they are joining forces with the Papagos and Yaquis is without foundation and absurd; they have no intercourse or communication with those tribes and never have had. nothing to fear from the Apaches.

Very respectfully yours, SEDGSWICK RICE, First Lt. 7th Cav., Act'g Ag't .

A Bad Boy.

[From the News-Letter.] A San Francisco school "marm" at a public recital, in expatiating upon the danger of contagion and contagious diseases, was interrupted by a little boy who paralyzed the teacher and convulsed the audience by rising in his seat and saying:

"Miss, there is a contagious disease

"Why, what do you mean, Sammy?" anoth the teacher.

"Well," chimed Sammy, "Mrs. Sanborn in our flat had a baby last night." "But that sin't costagious," blush-

ngly the teacher said, "Yes it is, mam, as Miss Densmore had one two nights ago,"

That settled it. The audience

roared and the teacher dismissed the

gathering. Senator Allen, of Nebraska, is determined that his son shall not go to war as an officer. If the boy goes at all, it will be as a private. The son, who is 20 years old, was appointed lieutenantcolonel of Nebraska volunteers and has been commissioned for active duty. The Senator telegraphed the boy to resign, and was reluctantly obeyed. He may now enlist as a private in the ranks. Senator Allen says he cannot and is not willing that his son be given, preference over other men because of his political influence. "If the boy shows himself capable," said the Senator, "he can advance on merit, but I will not permit him to go in as an officer before he proves to the satisfaction of his companions that he is en-

titled to the place."

Mark Smith, our able representative her Governor, Josiah Grout, has lately in Congress, has introduced a bill aufigured in the newspapers in connection thorizing the government to issue with a patent medicine, and there is \$250,000,000 in greenbacks and coin all reason to believe (as lately set forth in the silver seignorage lying in the the Evening Post) that Vermont has vaults of the United States Treasury. This, it is estimated, with the increased worth a good deal to a patent-medicine revenue to be raised by the war measure, will be sufficient to carry on the war for twelve months at least, withpills at Manila," or, "Admiral Montijo out the Issuance of Interest-bearing gold bonds. There is at least one man nerve remedy after our fight." But in Congress who is endeavoring to do that would not do. Vermont would his duty to the people without hampering the administration in a vigor-Vermont, by-the-way, is cutting a ous prosecution of the war .- [Winslow

> Iowa has chosen an ex-Confederate officer to lead her troops to battle-Gen, James R. Lincoln.

The colored troops are being recog nized by the administration.

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